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## Russia Recognises Israel

Moscow, May 17.—Russia tonight officially recognised the new-born State of Israel following the United States and Guatemala, who have already done so.

Moscow Radio broadcast in full Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Jewish Foreign Minister's, appeal of last night for recognition of the new State. Moscow Radio gave the text of the telegram received by Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, from the Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government of Israel as follows:

"I have the honour to communicate to you and to ask you to pass on to your Government that the National Council of the Jewish State, consisting of members elected by the representative organisations of the Jews in Palestine, met yesterday, May 14, in connection with the ending of the British mandate, and, on the basis of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of November 29, 1947, proclaimed the establishment of an independent Jewish State in Palestine which will be called the State of Israel."

Mr. Molotov informed Mr. Shertok that "the Government of the USSR has decided to extend official recognition to the State of Israel and to its Provisional Government," the Radio said.

Mr. Molotov added: "The Soviet Government hopes that the creation by the Jewish people of its sovereign state will serve the cause of strengthening peace and security in Palestine and the Near East, and, expresses its confidence in the success of the development of friendly relations between the USSR and the State of Israel."—Reuter.

## SULFA TREATMENT FOR LEPROSY

Washington, May 17.—Newly discovered methods of treating leprosy, particularly by sulfa drugs, give promise that the disease may be conquered, Dr. Robert G. Cochran, of the Christian Medical College, Vellore, India, reported to the fourth International Congress on Tropical Medicine today.

He insisted, however, that the cost of treatments will have to be reduced, if satisfactory cures can be effected among the disease's many victims.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### New Charter For Trade

THE recent United Nations conference on trade and employment held in Havana has attracted little notice, yet a considerable amount of important work was achieved and much attention paid to the Charter of the International Trade Organisation, the draft of which was completed in London two years ago. Enormous diversity in the economic systems of various nations presented many problems in drafting the Charter which, for this reason, is invested with a number of escape clauses. However, to guard against the danger of these being loosely interpreted, they can only be invoked with the approval of the other members of the ITO. For the British delegation attending the Havana conference one of its principal tasks was to safeguard Colonial interests in the writing of the Charter dealing with economic development and reconstruction. The result is to allow important steps to be taken to protect infant industries. It also permits protection by tariffs and subsidies without prior approval by the International Trade Organisation. Tariffs can be as high as is considered necessary, but they must not be of a discriminatory nature. It is fully recognised that the promotion of economic development is of paramount importance and that special assistance from governments may be required in certain cases, such as Britain's Colonial welfare and development scheme. Article 17, which deals with the reduction of tariffs and the elimination of preferences might have been considered a threat to the colonies' trade because they might be called upon to reduce

## Furious Battle In Holy City

Jerusalem, May 17.—Jewish forces commenced a fierce counter-attack on the Arab town of Ramleh, only nine miles from Jerusalem, in a drive to reopen the vital highway to Jerusalem.

The attack on Ramleh, a town of 20,000, which dominates the supply line to 100,000 Jews in Jerusalem, was begun as Egyptian fighter-bombers made three more raids on Tel-Aviv.

The attack was made by Irgun Zvai Leumi, which was only recently incorporated into the Jewish Army. It coincided with reports that the Jews had surrendered the old walled city of Jerusalem to the Arabs.

The Jewish Army communique which told of the attack on Ramleh also claimed the Jewish capture of the town of Nabi Yusha on the Lebanon border, about seven miles north of Safad, and said three Syrian armoured cars were captured when an attack by Syrian regulars on the town of Zemar, south of Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, was repulsed. The Syrians were said to have suffered heavy losses.

The communique reported three hit and run raids by Egyptian Spitfires in the Tel-Aviv area, before noon. There were four raids yesterday. The communique did not confirm a report that one Egyptian plane was shot down in today's second raid.

Radio reports from the Jordan Valley said the Arab Legion of King Abdullah was shelling the town of Geshur, south of the Sea of Galilee. An attack by armoured cars was repulsed by the Jewish defenders, who destroyed two Arab vehicles.—United Press.

### TRUCE TALKS FAIL

Amman, May 17.—Members of the United Nations Security Council truce delegation failed today in an effort to get the Arab leaders to agree to a truce for Jerusalem which they reported was a scene of wild battle. They said the Jews in the old city surrendered to the Arab forces but that the Jews controlled most of the rest of the city which is under Arab shell fire.

They reported that irregulars under the Arab commander Fawzi al-Kuwakbi, are shelling the holy city from positions around it and said that hell has broken loose inside it with the Jews and Arabs banging away at each other ever since the British left.

### HOPE NOT ABANDONED

The delegation had scant success but they have not abandoned hope of a truce for Jerusalem.

The delegation said that both sides are respecting the Red Cross flag flying on the King David Hotel, but little else is being spared by withering fire through the city.

The delegation saw King Abdullah and Azzam, but failed to reach any conclusive results in their efforts to halt destruction and bloodshed. They went back toward Jerusalem wearily for more hours of discussions under trying conditions.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that it is not clear who has real influence among the Arabs to order a cease fire. The majority of the Arabs fighting within Jerusalem are supporters of the Grand Mufti. Kuwakbi recently was given orders to transfer his command to the Trans-Jordan High Command. It is officially confirmed today that King Abdullah has conferred the title of Pasha—knighthood—on Kuwakbi.

The truce commission was trying to contact all of them.

### ABDULLAH'S WARNING

King Abdullah meanwhile has issued a proclamation warning all illegal Arab parties and groups within Palestine that they would be punished and asserted that the Arab High Command is the only proper administrative force in the holy land.

Political sources interpreted this as an attack against the Arab Higher Committee of Palestine which King Abdullah ordered to be disbanded as unrepresentative. King Abdullah is determined to crack the Mufti's authority and reported to have refused overtures at compromise with him.

### ACTION AT ACRE

Tel-Aviv, May 17.—Haganah fighters drove today into Acre, the ancient Arab city 12 miles north of Haifa. Their commander said an estimated 4,000 Arabs were penned in the ancient walled city.

The commander said his forces were in complete control of the highway through the city—a key to Jewish communication, by road to northern settlements. Acre is just outside the territory of Israel as defined by the United Nations partition plan.

Earlier, Haganah reported successes against invading Arab forces in Northeastern Israel. Tel-Aviv underwent its third straight day of enemy air attack.

## Tiglon Born In Zoo



Mrs. Joseph L. Sloan, wife of the superintendent of Salt Lake City parks, holds a rare tiglon cub born at Salt Lake zoo to Daisie, female tiger. Father is Huey, a lion. The tiglon is believed to be first such hybrid to be born in United States.—AP Wirephoto.

## ATOMIC TEST BIG SUCCESS

### White House Issues Statement

Washington, May 17.—The White House said today that the recent atomic weapons test "was successful in all respects and indicated very substantial progress." The White House statement said the tests involved three atomic weapons.

The White House statement was issued after an oral report by the Atomic Energy Commission on the recent atomic tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands in the Pacific.

It said: "The first series of the tests are now completed. The Commission reported that the tests, involving three atomic weapons, each of improved design, were successful in all respects, and that the results indicate very substantial progress."

"The President gave general approval of the Commission's plans for the steps it proposed to initiate at once for further nuclear development, based upon information gained from the tests."

The statement said the tests were made under the security provisions of the Atomic Energy Act and the scientific and technical results could not at present be made public.

### A MILESTONE

It added that statements of acknowledging personnel services would be made by the military and scientific leaders on their return to Honolulu tomorrow.

After a meeting of the Commission with the President, Mr. Lillenthal, head of the Commission, said: "We reported in some detail on the results of the tests which are a milestone in atomic development."

The Commission's report was mainly concerned with the recent atom tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

Further statements by scientists would be made when the joint task force, which has been conducting the Eniwetok experiments, reached Honolulu tomorrow, Mr. Lillenthal said.

Mr. Lillenthal added that over 10,000 people, representing the Army, Air Force, and civilian scientific interests, were involved in the joint tests at Eniwetok.

The White House said: "The area of the proving ground, as previously defined, remains closed to all unauthorized persons."—Reuter.

## STALIN WILLING TO TALK

### Will Negotiate With U.S. On Basis Of Wallace Letter

London, May 17.—Prime Minister Josef Stalin said tonight Russia is ready, if the United States is willing, to negotiate the differences between the two nations on the basis of recent proposals to him by Henry A. Wallace.

Prime Minister Stalin was replying to Mr. Wallace's "open letter" which the Third Party Presidential candidate addressed to the Russian Prime Minister at a recent political rally in New York. Stalin's answer was broadcast by the Moscow radio and distributed here by the Soviet monitor.

"I do not know whether the United States government approves of Mr. Wallace's programme as a basis for agreement between the USSR and the United States," Stalin said. "As far as the government of the USSR is concerned, it considers that Mr. Wallace's programme could serve as a good and fruitful basis for such an agreement and for the development of international co-operation."

### INADEQUATE EXCHANGES

Prime Minister Stalin contrasted Mr. Wallace's detailed proposals for settling major Russian-American differences with the "inadequacy" of the diplomatic exchanges between the two governments begun on May 4. At that time, U.S. Ambassador Walter B. Smith and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov talked in Moscow on US-Soviet relations.

"The important meaning of the (Wallace's) open letter consists in the fact that it does not limit itself to a declaration, but goes further, makes a serious step forward and gives a concrete programme for the peaceful settlement of differences between the USSR and the United States," Stalin said.

Stalin termed Mr. Wallace's letter "the most important document" among "the political documents of recent times which have the consolidation of peace as their aim."

"The letter, he said, did not embrace all the points of differences between the two major powers and it could not be said that certain parts of it 'do not need to be improved.'"

### WALLACE'S PROPOSALS

Stalin listed Wallace's proposals as:

- 1.—A general reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons.
- 2.—Conclusion of peace treaties with Japan and Germany and the question of evacuation of troops from those countries.
- 3.—Evacuation of troops from China and Korea.
- 4.—The respect for the sovereignty

of individual countries—and non-interference in their internal affairs.

5.—The inadmissibility of military bases in member countries of the United Nations.

6.—World development of international trade, excluding any sort of discrimination in the framework of United Nations assistance to, and economic restoration of, countries which suffered in the war.

7.—The defence of Democracy and ensuring of the civil rights in all countries," and so on," Stalin added.

—Associated Press.

## He's Ready To Negotiate



JOSEF STALIN

## Search For Polk's Murderers

Athens, May 17.—The Salonika public prosecutor said today a reward of 23,000,000 drachmas (about £150), would be given to anyone discovering or contributing to the discovery of the murderers of Mr. George Polk, the American radio correspondent.

Mr. Polk's body was washed up on the shore at Salonika yesterday.

During a search of Mr. Polk's hotel rooms, the public prosecutor found a letter written by the correspondent to a friend in New York saying he had been trying ever since last December to contact General Markos, the guerrilla leader, to record an interview.—Reuter.

### Charged With Strangling His Wife

London, May 17.—Alec Tindal, 31, pleaded innocent at the Cambridge Assizes court today to the strangulation murder of his 22-year-old wife, whom his mother described as "lovely to look at but moon drunk."

Prosecutor Gilbert Beyfus charged that Tindal strangled his wife Frances after she threatened to take their baby and leave him.

Beyfus introduced an alleged statement by Tindal saying: "I couldn't stand it any longer. I just found myself on the couch. The baby was crying."

After Tindal had pleaded his mother told the court:

"I wanted to love her. She is so lovely to look at when she is not all right, but when she is not all right she is like someone moon drunk."

Questioned by the court when her late daughter-in-law was most affected, Mrs. Tindal said: "Moon times. I dreamed moon times."—United Press.

### Day-Long Battle

Athens, May 17.—Greek forces waged a day-long battle against guerrillas attacking two Eastern Macedonia villages, tonight's Greek General Staff communique said.

The guerrillas withdrew after Army reinforcements had arrived from Drama, including air support.—Reuter.

## Police Clash With Strikers

Detroit, May 17.—Two policemen were injured today in fist fighting and stone-throwing outside one of the 16 Chrysler motor factories involved in a six-day old strike here.

A new strike, involving 300 General Motors Corporation factories employing 225,000 workers, was threatened today.

The injured police were taken to hospital. Extra guards of state police were called to help local police quell the first major violence of the strike.

Mr. T. A. Johnstone, the Acting Director of the General Motors Division of the United Automobile Workers, said here that there was "a very good possibility" of a walkout of 225,000 men on May 28, when their present contract expires.—Reuter.

## Britain Enjoys Brilliant Whitsuntide

London, May 17.—The warmest and sunniest Whit Monday in 38 years today sent millions of Britons to seaside resorts and the suburban countryside.

Other thousands flocked to London, where the midday temperature hovered past 73 deg. A half-mile line of sunbaked holidaying Britons stretched along the Thames embankment waiting for river steamers.

All London's spacious parks young and old sprawled in deck chairs and on grass taking advantage of the unusual sunny weather.

Transportation was taxed to breaking point. Thousands waited patiently at the stations and an almost hourly addition of extra trains did not seem to relieve the crush.

A few private cars were on the road because of the strictly enforced restrictions.

A Conservative member of Parliament, Cyril Osborne criticised the Labour Government in a speech saying "this scandal of empty roads could have been avoided if it had

a man experienced in the fuel ministry. He said he travelled more than 20 miles on the highway of Leicester without seeing a single car.

A crowded London transport train caught fire near Acton central station. Scores of persons on the train left the children along the tracks while the fire brigade fought the blaze for 10 minutes before bringing it under control.

By noon nearly 500 extra buses have been put into service in London and every available piece of equipment readied for the expected evening crush when out-townners begin returning.

The Air Ministry said: "This is the warmest and sunniest early Whitsun since the beginning of the Ministry. Figures are well above saying 'this scandal of empty roads could have been avoided if it had







# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**KEY TO NEW ATOM SECRETS?**—Howard L. Schultz of Yale University, adjusts the new atom-smashing linear accelerator. Yale physicists already have attained energies of one million volts in the new machine, and expect it to unlock new atom secrets.



**DIFFERENT OUTLOOK**—Sid Caesar, now young stage comedian, is seeing Broadway from a different side now. He used to be doorman at a Times Square theatre; now he is the star of a new musical show.



**DOUBLE TREAT**—Single control of double trouble is this duo-stroller designed by Joseph Etzkin of Milwaukee for twin sons Michael and Allan. Here they are pushed by big brother Steven.



**FRIENDLY RELATIONS**—Prince Charles, Regent of Belgium, is welcomed by President Truman on the White House porch. The Prince was previously greeted with full military ceremony and remained an overnight guest of the President.



**FLOUR FOR TRIESTE**—A worker stacks flour from the U. S. in a Trieste storage building for future use by residents of the tiny Free Territory. This shipment is enough to make sufficient white bread for 10 days.



**RETURN OF THE FULL DRESS**—The colourful scarlet tunics and glossy bearskins of the Brigade of Guards will be seen again in London. Londoners will see the Guards in full dress for the first time since 1939 at the Trooping of the Colours on June 10, the King's official birthday. Shown here is a Company Quartermaster Sergeant's uniform.



**"MISS PACIFIC"** is the title Sydney model Nola Rose received when she won the Australian Surf Girl Contest. She received a money prize, a complete wardrobe and a holiday in Honolulu.



**BEGGAR**—Squatting on her ample haunches and with claws together as if in prayer, Susie, polar bear at the London Zoo, goes into her favourite routine for getting tidbits from visitors. The appealing act brings results.

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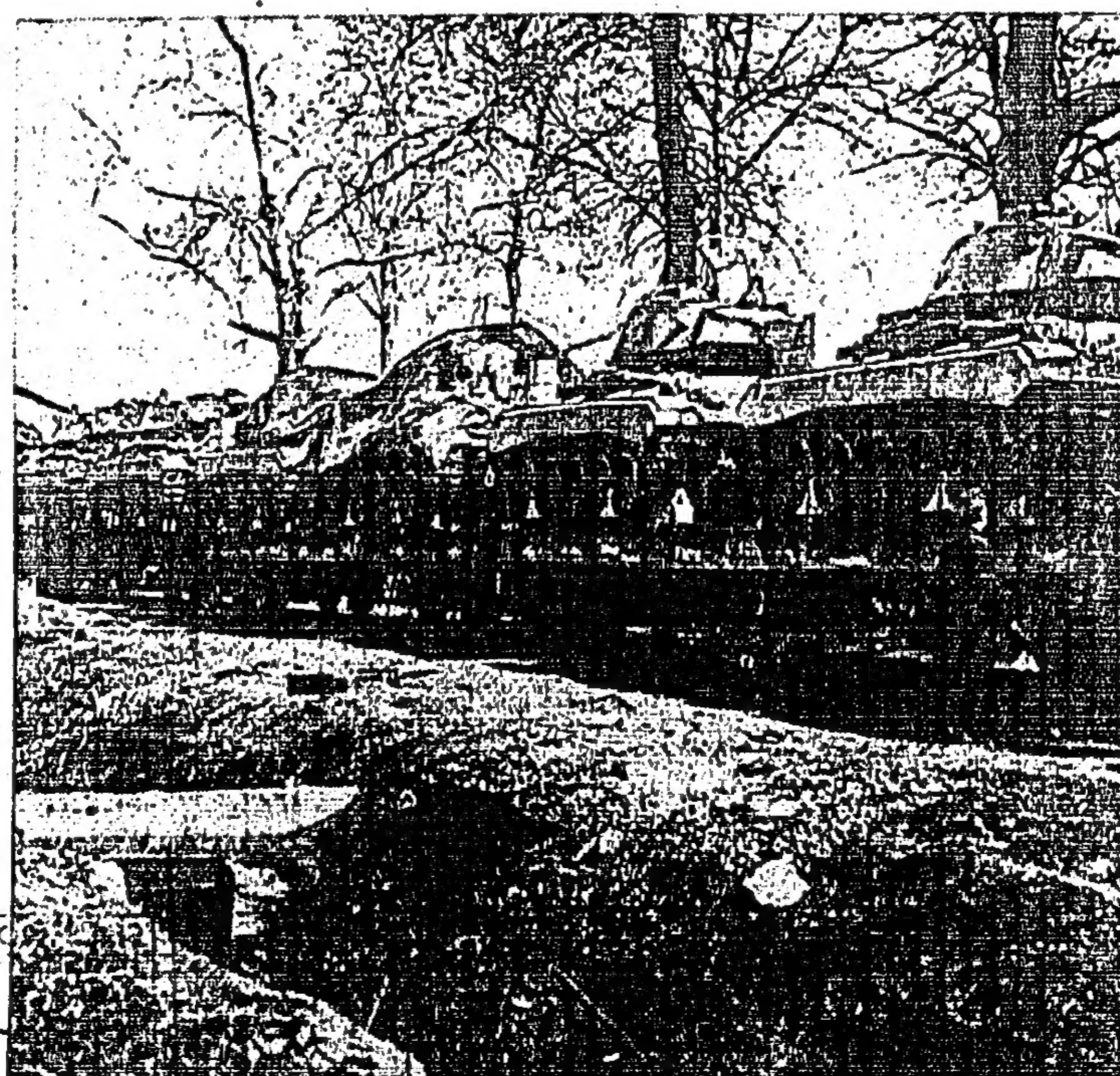
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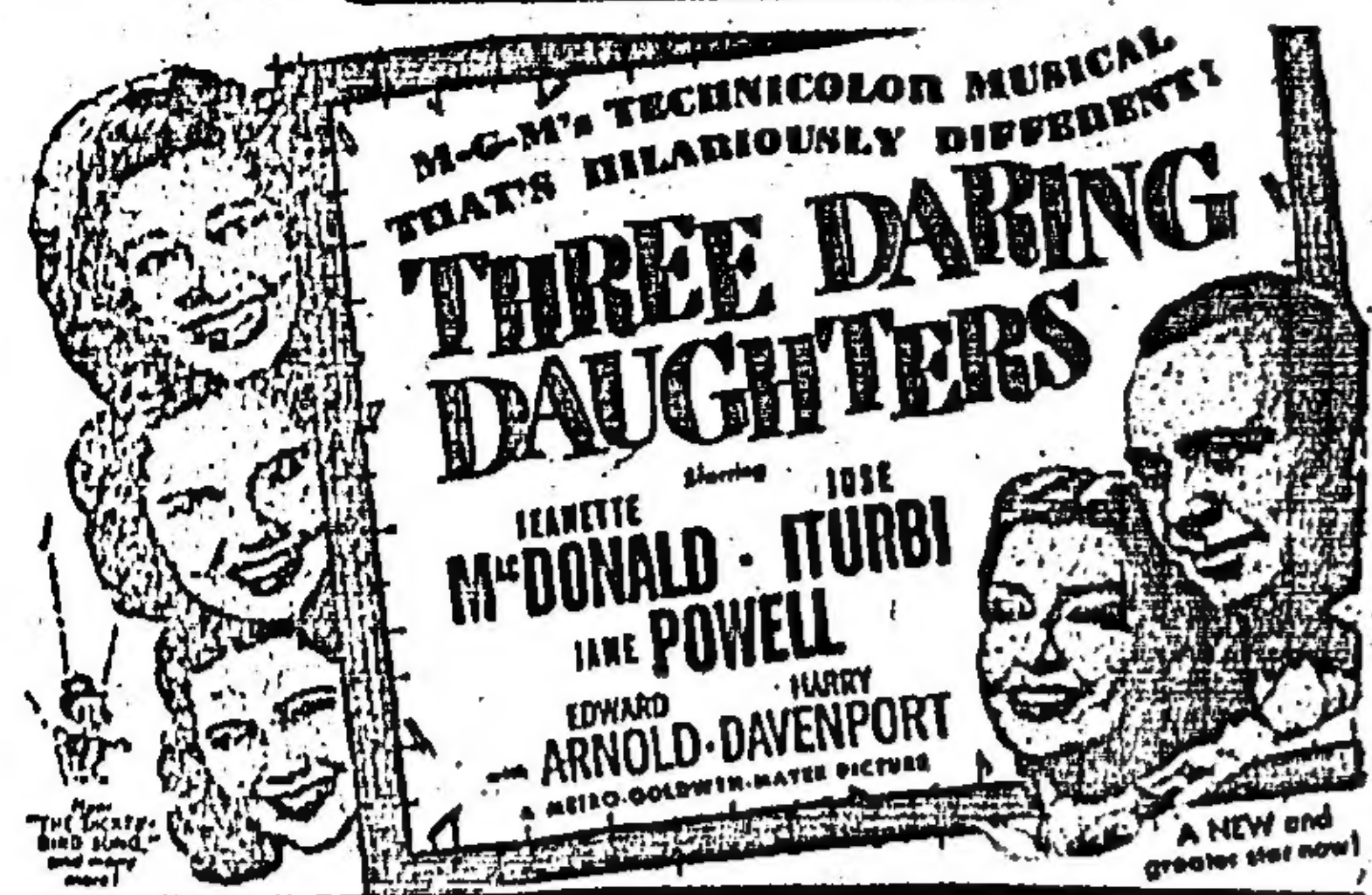
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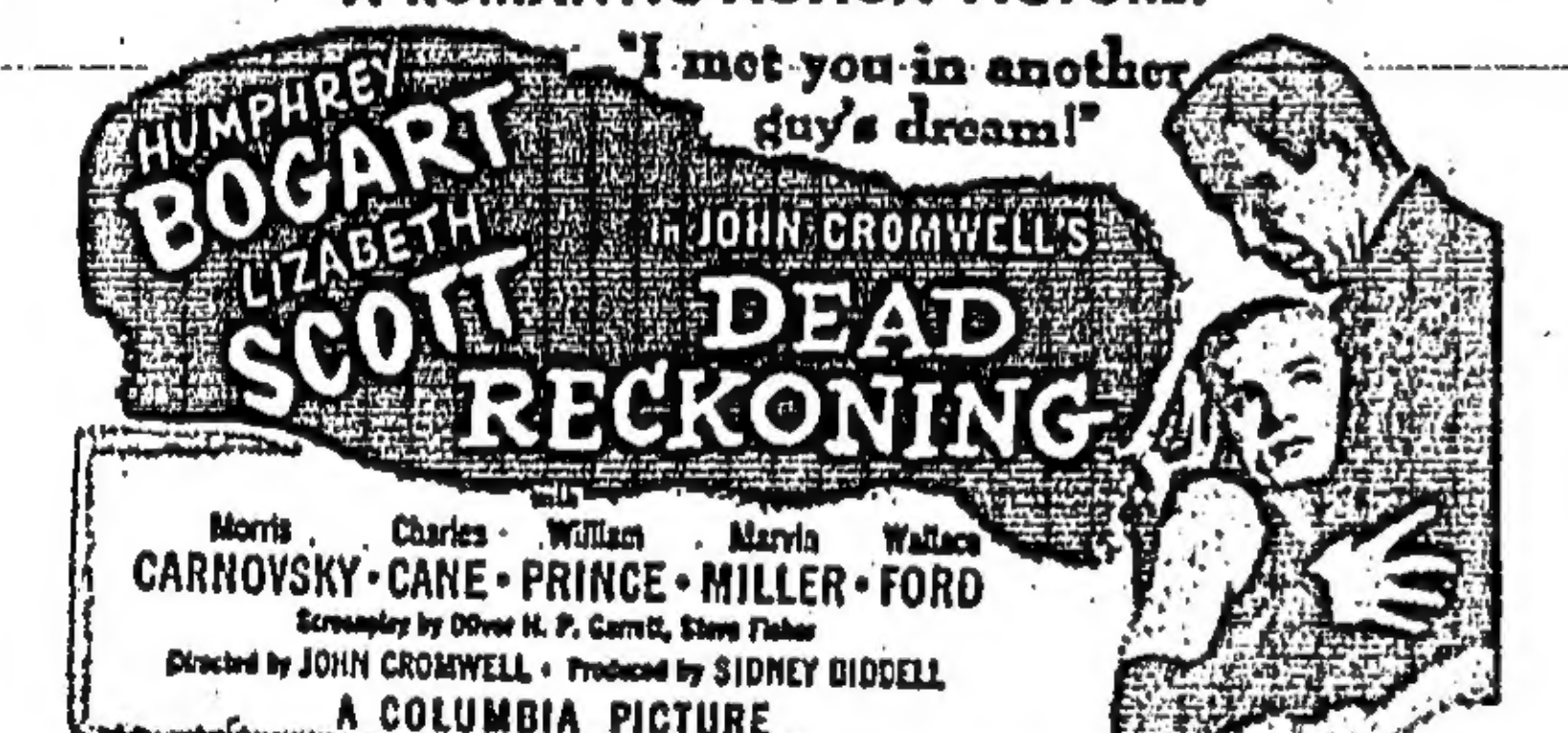


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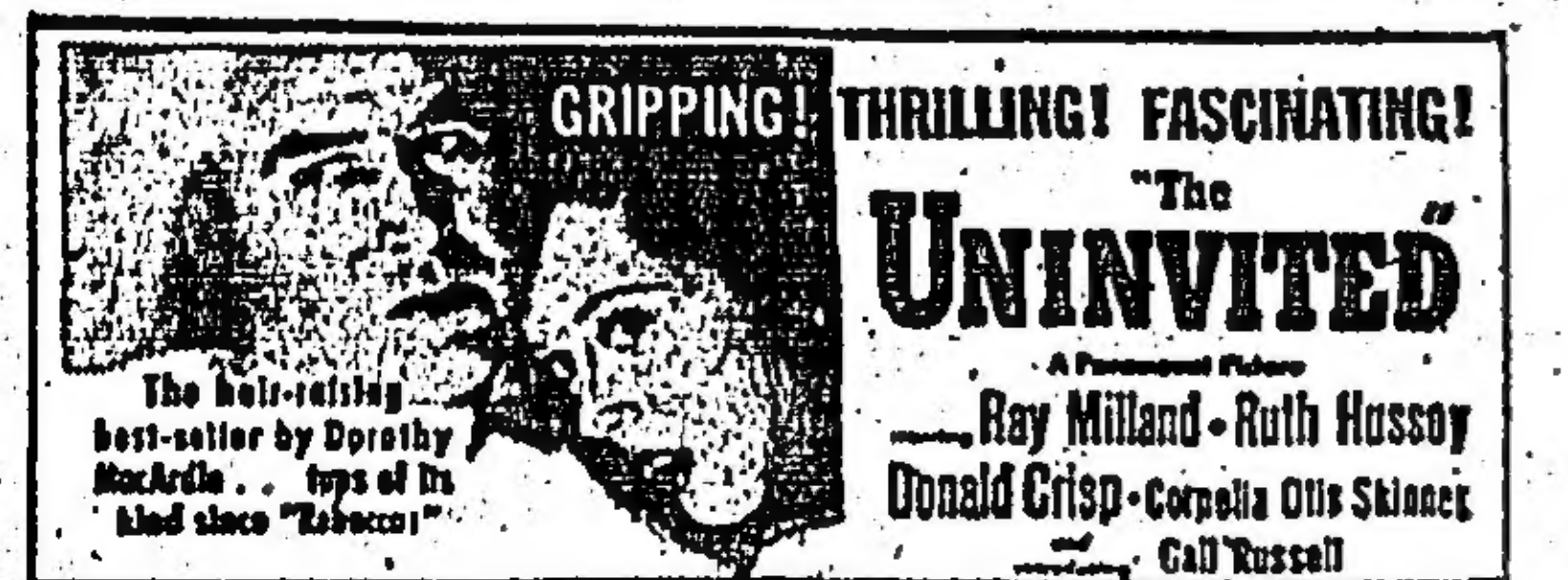
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## They Sought Out The Treasures

A PIECE of fossilised brown bone, something like a mis-shapen coconut shell, rests in a cardboard box in a small villa of the German University town of Bonn.

It is the Neanderthal Skull, two pounds of bone without price, which the British Army recovered from its wartime hiding-place.

The skull was found by a German professor in 1936 in a chalk pit near the hamlet of Neanderthal. Its discovery opened the door to a new scientific examination of the development of man and is the basis on which much of our knowledge of prehistory rests.

Other skulls—the Peking Man, the Java Man, the Piltdown Man—found at a later date added to the store of knowledge, but Pithecanthropus Neanderthalensis was the oldest of them all.

Science probed the ground around the chalk pit and added chapter after chapter to the story. Pith Nean had a museum built for him and was housed in splendour.

Then he disappeared from his old haunts and eventually turned up at Bonn, where he remained until 1939 when he was evacuated. First he went to live in an ancient Westphalian castle. From there, carefully packed in a wooden crate, he went to another German castle. Three or more transfers followed until, towards the end of the war, he was buried in a deep bunker at Siegen, in the Rhineland.

### 60,000 Years' Old

WHILE battles raged, the skull, more than 60,000 years old, remained undisturbed—and forgotten. With the surrender of Germany, men had time to think again about Pith Nean, but no one knew where he was. British Army Intelligence were told that he had been sold during the war for an astronomical sum to a collector who was slithering over him in secret.

Then one day, recently, an Army truck drew up at the Bonn Museum and a bored driver asked for a signature for a "few boxes" he had collected from the Americans for delivery to the Curator. The Curator, Dr. Edward Neuffer, signed and took the boxes into his office. Inside, one he found Pith Nean, safe and sound.

"So I put him in my cupboard," he said. "He's safe enough there. He can't be sold on the Black Market."

At Neanderthal, Pith Nean's original home, the museum is visited by numbers of troops who also inspect the two "ice-age" horses and the herd of bison which roam the valley.

The horses, direct descendants of those which roamed Europe and Asia more than 60,000 years ago, are pot-bellied, shaggy-coated, long-tailed beasts with massive heads. They crop contentedly in the valley, utterly indifferent to visitors. There are only 10 others left in the world—mostly in Russia.

Around them mills a herd of wild bison, from whose ancestors all the world's cattle developed. They are fierce, untamed and ready to attack at the drop of a hat. The valley

In the wake of the British armies, from the first campaigns in North Africa to the last battles in Germany, went anxious experts on fine arts, monuments and archives, striving to safeguard the treasures of history: the ancient pillars and mosaics of Libya, the galleries and masterpieces of Italy, the museums and church relics of Germany.

In Italy and Germany art treasures were dispersed and hidden as the war neared. This article tells how a British team in Germany sought out the hidden valuables to prevent their deterioration, loss by smuggling or unauthorized sale.

By JOHN HUGHES

In which they live is wild, gloomy, hemmed in by lowering hills, watered by a roaring river which races to join the Rhine again. The Neanderthal Skull has no market value; it belongs to mankind.

In the same class are some of the items in the vast array of art treasures which the British Army has been recovering for the last two years, from German castles, mines, deep air-raid shelters and remote dwellings in the forests. Unofficially and irreverently, this project (now in its last stages) has been known as Operation Rattle.

If art can be measured by the ton it is correct to say that 1,800 tons of the most prized paintings, statues, church relics and holy images have now been tracked down, collected and stored until the churches, art galleries and museums from which they came can house them again.

The job began when Major H. Murray-Ballie of the Intelligence Corps and Major L. G. Perry and K. E. Steer, all peace-time art experts, were ordered to trace the treasure which the Germans removed for safety from the big towns.

### Huge Dumps

WITH a dozen trucks and about 20 men at his disposal, Major Murray-Ballie got to work sifting masses of information, checking rumours, questioning hundreds of Germans, and maintaining contact with the Americans who had huge dumps of recovered art treasures in Bavaria.

Officials of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Division of the Control Commission, with Mr S.F.C. Hartley—one of the foremost experts on German church treasures—at their head, worked with Major Murray-Ballie, establishing exactly what had come from where. Sometimes the hiding-places were well-

high inaccessible, as when a convoy had to be backed three miles up a steep cart track barely wide enough to take the trucks, to reach the castle in which pictures and ancient manuscripts had been stored.

Another time a bunker dug into a hill and facing an ideal parking site was found to contain some long-sought examples of French painting. When Major L. G. Perry arrived to collect them he found that the American Army had cleared the site and established a gun park. The American battery commander took quite a lot of persuading before he agreed to move out his 155's and allowed the pictures to be taken to the main collecting centre at Grevenbroich, in the Rhineland.

In this castle until recently guarded by a company of the Black Watch, are housed such famous pictures as Rembrandt's "Self-Portrait," Renoir's "Mr and Mrs Sisley," and works by Rubens, Gauguin and Van Gogh.

The castle is also the temporary home of Essen Cathedral's 11th Century Madonna. This figure of wood, plated with gold, is perhaps the finest example of church statuary of that period in existence.

"No value can be placed on it or other relics of a past age," said Mr Hartley. "It might be worth £500,000 or £50; it all depends on one's sense of artistic values."

Among the other treasures recovered are statues of St Ursula and the "11,000 virgins" from the Church of St Ursula in Cologne.

### An Englishwoman

ST Ursula was an English woman who in the seventh or eighth century set out from Britain on a pilgrimage to Rome with 11 virgins. She was killed at Cologne by the Huns and her companions massacred. By a monk's error the number of the virgins grew from 11 to 11,000—possibly an early Goebbels thought that a thousand-fold exaggeration had greater propaganda value.

A curious confirmation of the story came to light recently when workmen clearing the site of blitzed St Ursula's Church found 12 graves in the foundations. Opened by officials of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Division, they were found to contain the bones of 12 women, dead these many hundred years.

Apart from art treasures Major Murray-Ballie and his assistants have recovered the archives and registers of many German provinces and towns. Also discovered were valuable old Biblical manuscripts, including a beautiful Codex of the Gospels, written in the 10th century. Its gold leaf decorations and its Imperial purple borders are as fresh today as when they were lined by a devoted band of monks more than 1,000 years ago.

Of all these things, only two pieces were damaged in transit, although the only packing was the Army blankets.

Many of the paintings require restoration because the Germans had stored them badly. "Now that we have recovered the treasures it is up to the Germans to restore them to condition," said Mr Hartley.

90 Britons tell the story of trigger-happy Palestine

## 'Don't go out until it stops shelling'

MISS ELLI KERN, 41-year-old house matron of the Bishop Gobat School, was one of the party to arrive at London Airport in the last three civilian evacuation planes out of Palestine. She had not slept for four nights because of the noise of bombs and explosions.

A week before she had to leave her school, which sits on Mount Zion in the Arab section of Jerusalem. There were only a few pupils left anyway, because few of her 90 boy boarders came back after the Christmas holidays.

All the windows and doors of the school, which faced a Jewish quarter, had been blown out by mortar bombs. Miss Kern packed up. She put all her furniture, books, and bedding into three rooms and bricked them up.

Then she left, with two suitcases of personal clothing, for the shelter of St George's Cathedral buildings in Jerusalem.

Miss Kern did her last shopping in the Holy Land. She walked to the shops 15 minutes away in Mamillah Road, passing three road-blocks. Each time her identity was checked. Spinneys, the big store, was no longer open. Cook's Tours had closed. The Arab workpeople are too frightened to go to work. More shops are closing each day.

Barclays Bank, heavily guarded, was open. "Everybody pushed. They don't know what an orderly queue is," said Miss Kern. "I drew five English pounds to come home. The Arabs, scared that the bank would close, tried to draw all their money." As she left the bank, shooting started 200 yards away.

The telephone at the school has worked on only four days since Christmas. Each time the line was repaired it was either cut or blown up.

Postmen were afraid to go to the school, tradesmen would not deliver their bills. Only the millman risked the journey on a donkey.

### Prices rise

MR F. R. MASON went home to Leverstock Green, Herts., a week before he was in the

Agricultural Department, in Jerusalem, and living in the city's Greek colony, 2½ miles from his office.

"No buses have been running, and taxi to the office costs 40 piastres (8s.) for the trip," he said.

"If you go out for a walk in Jerusalem today you go in groups. As you might say in England, 'We can't go out now, wait until the rain stops,' in Jerusalem you say, 'Wait until it stops shelling.'"

"Wherever you go there are men with Sten guns at the ready. All the hotels are shut."

### After dark

FIFTY-ONE-OLD E. J. Pritchard, chief engineer of the Post office in Palestine for the past seven years, said:

"One local cinema, the Regent was still open. I saw Junior Miss there the other day. But the Rex Cinema had been burned down. It was an Arab-patronised cinema, owned by a Jew, and was burned by Jews."

"It's odd the way things work out in Palestine."

"After dark you hear bullets whipping through the trees even when you are playing bridge. . . . All the trigger-happy people are out at night."

"By day you can still get a good meal at the Villa Rosemary, a drink at the Sports Club bar. And you can play tennis or football and see Arabs and Jews blazing away at each other only half a mile away."

### And cigarettes

FROM these two men and a woman there came, too, a report on CIGARETTES: "Plentiful—but all in the black market. Arabs used to call at the door with sacks full of popular brand cigarettes at two shillings for 20. Most of them were looted Nafai supplies."

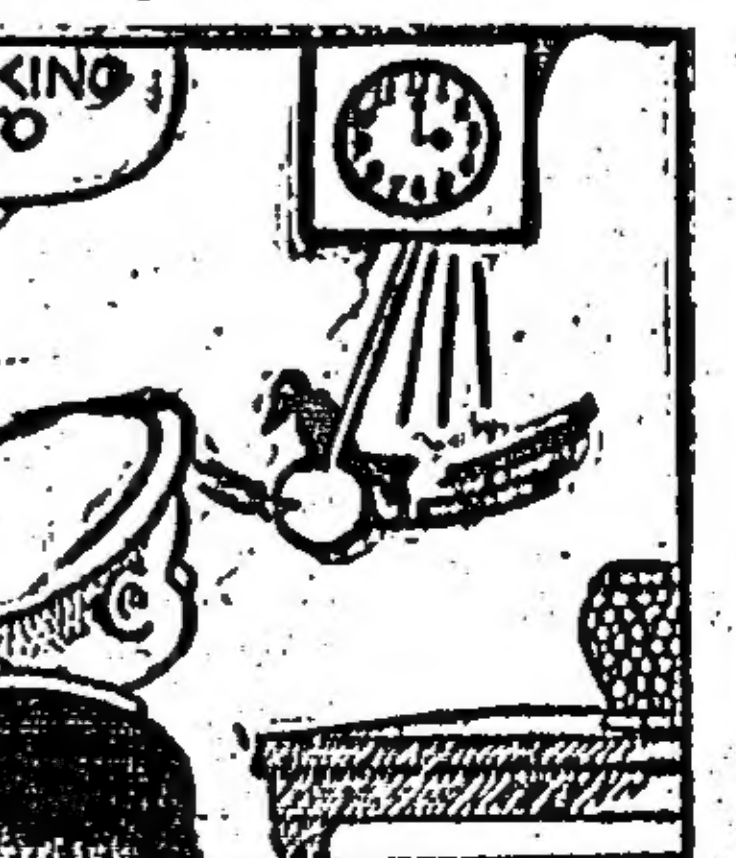
RATES are not being paid, there is no money to pay municipal workmen.

LIGHTS may go out soon because there is shortage of oil for generators.

That is the story of the 90 who went home. Many have sunk their lives trying to weld Arab and Jew. For them it was heartbreak. They left Palestine, hating their failure—yet glad to be out.



NANCY Swing-Tune



By Ernie Bushmiller









# An Innings And 451 Runs

**CURTIS CUP TEAM**

## Aussies Trounce Essex

Southend, May 17.—The Australian cricket tourists easily defeated Essex by an innings and 451 runs in their match here today.

The final scores were: Australians 721; Essex 83 and 187.

The Essex batsmen failed miserably against the Australian attack today when they faced the tourists' colossal total, and had it not been for a seventh wicket stand of 131 in the second innings between Tom Pearce and Peter Smith, they would have been beaten by an even larger margin. Pearce made a brilliant 71 and Smith 54.

In the first innings the batsmen could do little against the pace of Miller, who took three wickets for 14 runs and the wiles of the left arm bowler Toshack, who accounted for five wickets for 31 runs.

Ian Johnson, with his off-spinners did the damage in the second innings, taking six wickets for 37 runs.

Miller had to leave the field after lunch with a bruised thigh, McCool fielding as substitute, and during the afternoon Barnes had to retire for a while through knee trouble. Essex failed to take advantage of these handicaps.

Ian Johnson, bowling for the first time in the game, immediately beat Cary, who played outside an off spinner at 24, when Bradman brought him on.

### FIVE IN 45 MINUTES

The next five Essex wickets then fell in three quarters of an hour for 22 runs. Avery fell at forward short-leg at 32, Vigar registered a "pair" and Dodds having stayed an hour and a quarter for 10 was bowled middle stump by Toshack.

Ian Johnson disposed of Horsfall and Ray Smith with successive balls at 40 and at this stage the Victorian off-spinner had obtained four wickets at the cost of nine runs.

The Essex captain, Pearce, partnered by Peter Smith then passed their previous total and when ten was taken, they had put on 44 for the seventh wicket without being parted.

Just when the Australians seemed assured of a swift success Pearce and Smith dramatically checked them with a gallant century stand. Nothing that had happened earlier gave an indication that Essex was capable of such a rally.

Pearce and Smith came together with six wickets down for 46 runs and by steadfast defence and later by courageous hitting they more than held their own against all the changes made by Bradman and the 10,000 crowd gave them a tremendous reception when their partnership reached three figures in 70 minutes.

### CHESS TOURNEY

## Karpovich v. Weiss

The game between L. Karpovich and Karel Weiss will be the best on the programme this evening at the Peninsula Hotel in the third round of the Colony Reserve Tournament.

Weiss was the only player to dent Karpovich's record when the latter won the Colony Chess Championship in 1941 with 5½ points out of a possible 10.

It will be the first time the two have met since that tournament. Odds are on Karpovich to win. Both are off their pre-war best but Karpovich is fast approaching it while Weiss had the worse of his games in the first two rounds.

Other games of the round are V. N. Douneff v. J. V. Tausz, D. E. de Carvalho v. S. Shave, Jacob Ramler v. R. Segalen, A. Archangelov v. V. V. Kolachoff and R. W. Carter v. A. E. Gomes.

A. Birukoff has the bye.

## Amateur Status Questioned

Helsinki.—One of the touchiest subjects in Finnish sports is the question of the amateur status of Viljo Heino, Finland's world record holder for the 10,000 metre run.

Charges that Heino, a 33-year-old factory foreman, was a professional were first made in Stockholm at the time when the Swedes barred their two great stars, Gunder Hagg and Arne Anderson, from amateur racing competition in 1945 because they have accepted money for running.

The Swedish press protested against Heino after his first competitive visit to Sweden following the war. The press demanded Heino's status should be investigated.

"In Finland we still regard Heino as an amateur," Lasse Melanen head of Finland's Amateur Athletic Federation said. "His case has not yet been taken up."

Heino has run in London, Oslo and Copenhagen, and also against France and Belgium in team matches.—Associated Press.

They actually put on 131 runs in 143 minutes before Ian Johnson ended the stand by taking a stiff return from Pearce, who cut and drove with zest in a stay of 90 minutes. He hit seven fours.

Smith resisted the tourists for almost two hours in scoring his 54. Ian Johnson who flighted his off-spinners most deceptively into a stiff breeze took six wickets for 37 runs in the second innings.

### THE SCOREBOARD

Australians—1st Innings	721
Essex—1st Innings	83
Essex—2nd Innings	187
Dodds, b Toshack	10
Cary, b Ian Johnson	3
Avery, c Brown, b Ian Johnson	15
Vigar, c Ian Johnson, b Toshack	32
Horsfall, b Ian Johnson	8
Ian Smith, c Ring, b Ian Johnson	71
Pearce, c and b, Ian Johnson	54
Peter Smith, lb.w., b Barnes	1
Price, not out	4
Baily, absent, hurt	0
Extras	15
Total	187

### Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Miller	2	1	4	0
London	12	3	28	0
Ian Johnson	10	4	26	0
Toshack	17	2	50	2
Ian Johnson	21	6	37	6
Barnes	8	4	5	1
Ring	7	3	16	0
Byes, b, leg-byes 3 and no balls 0.				

### COUNTY CRICKET

London, May 17.—Thousands of cricketing enthusiasts spent their Bank Holiday basking in the sun, which flooded the county cricket grounds throughout the country and at least one record was set up when 35,000 packed into the Trent Bridge ground—a record for a county match at Nottingham.

There were more centuries to add to Saturday's total and today's best was Dolly of Warwickshire with 107 in four and a quarter hours. He hit 15 fours.

McCorkell of Hampshire offered at least six chances while he was scoring his 153 not out but Arnold, with whom McCorkell put on 153 for the third wicket, had a chanceless century, which included 19 boundaries and a strike of four and a half hours. Five times McCorkell was missed. The unlucky Kent bowler was Ridgway.

Eric Edrich, scoring a century for the second time in successive games, did not hit out until reaching three figures and his knock lasted about five hours and included two sixes and 11 fours.

### BATTLE OF THE ROSES

There was also a crowd of 35,000 at this game and they were delighted when Division reached three figures before the day's play ended in this traditional Battle of the Roses.

Mainly through Keeton and Hardstaff, two of the other hundred makers, Nottinghamshire were able to pass Surrey's big total by one run and they declared and in the heat of the day the Surrey attack never looked really dangerous, apart from some spells by Laker.

Middlesex, the county champions, should win their game tomorrow although they will have to bat again, but Sussex collapsed surprisingly before a 25,000 crowd which packed Lords and had to follow on.

The spin bowling of Compton, Bedfordshire Slins always worried Sussex although Charles Onkes with a six and seven fours showed that the bowling could be hit while he compiled 56 but then he was a Compton victim.

Sussex did much better at their second attempt.

### THE SCORES

The close of play scores today were:

At Lords: Middlesex 392 for five declared; Sussex 108 (C. Onkes 50, D. Compton four for 54) and 202 for four (Parks 55, John Langridge 34).

At Southampton: Kent 226 and 13 for 0; Hampshire 443 for six declared (Arnold 126, McCorkell not out 153).

At Leeds: Lancashire 450 (E. H. Edrich 121, Cranstoun 73), Yorkshire 207 for four (Hutton 100, Halliday 60).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 204 (Muncer four for 60) Glamorgan 333 for four (Clift 56, W. E. Jones 87, Parkhouse 53).

At Taunton: Gloucestershire 522, Somerset 245 (Gimblett 50, Goddard six for 65) and 100 for three.

At Derby: Warwickshire 308 (Dollery 107, Copson seven for 103), Dorsetshire 177.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 384 and 37 for one. Northamptonshire 289 (Davis 101).

At Nottingham: Surrey 410 and 12 for 0; Nottingham 420 for nine declared (Keeton 104, Hardstaff 100, Sims not out 62, Squires four for 50).—Reuter.



Smiling members of the U.S. Curtis Cup team pose on the deck of the liner Mauretania as they sail from New York for the golf matches to be held at Birkdale, England (May 21-22). Matches will be first for the cup to be played in 10 years. Left to right: Polly Riley, Fort Worth, Tex.; Louise Suggs, Atlanta, Ga.; Dorothy Kirby, Atlanta; Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, team captain, Merion, Pa.; Dorothy Kietly, Los Angeles; Grace Lenczyk, Newington, Conn.; and Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, Chapel Hill, N.C.—AP Wirephoto.

### SOCCER SEASON SURVEY

## EUROPE'S FOOTBALLERS VOTE ARSENAL MOST POPULAR CLUB OF THE YEAR

By WALTER PILKINGTON

A ballot among members of leading football clubs in ten European countries has chosen for London's premier team, Arsenal, the distinction of being the most popular football club in Europe.

It is a well-merited honour although Glasgow Rangers, pride of Scotland, can claim to have been even more consistently successful over a long period without perhaps having faced opposition as severe. But in English football Arsenal are supreme.

Arsenal have proved their all round ability by winning the League Championship for the sixth time in 11 seasons; by holding first place throughout the season, making sure of honours with four matches to play; avoiding defeat until their 18th game; taking three or more points from all their nearest rivals; scoring more goals (81) than all but two teams, Wolverhampton (83) and Manchester United (81); and by losing only 32 goals, easily beating the First Division goals against record of 39 in 42 matches set up by Wolverhampton in the season before the second World War.

finest in the game. Birmingham's power, like Arsenal's, was mainly in defence. They yielded only 24 goals, five fewer than the previous lowest total for the whole of the League since the off-side rule was altered.

### LINCOLN CITY SUCCESS

Promotion to Division II was achieved by a London Club, Queen's Park Rangers, and Lincoln City. After 14 years in Division III, Lincoln returned through the efforts of a team composed entirely of part-time professionals, and including three engineers, two coal miners, two steel workers, an electrician, a post office worker, and fish-monger. They had to wait for success until the last day, beating the Yorkshire Club, Rotherham by a point. Rotherham were also runners-up in the previous season. They can console themselves with the fact that Plymouth missed promotion as narrowly for six successive seasons before achieving it.

The most sensational result of the season was Blackpool's seven to nil win at Preston, a week after they had lost in the Cup final. An ironic feature was that McIntosh, who was left out of the team after playing in the earlier Cup games, returned to become the only player who has ever scored five goals against Preston in 60 years.

The King and Queen have seen Cup finals in successive Saturdays. Both saw their first Rugby League match a week after watching Manchester United beat Blackpool. Northern clubs again provided keen opposition at the Empire Stadium, Wembley.

Wigan, who this year beat Bradford Northern by eight points to three, played in the first Rugby Cup final 19 years ago when a mere 41,000 paid £5,000 to see the match.

The game has widened its appeal in the meantime. The returns for this year's Rugby Cup final, 92,000 spectators and £21,000 in receipts are a world record. Rugby League football may be introduced to America next year when the Australians return from a tour of Britain.

If the outcome is satisfactory English teams will be seen in the United States demonstrating the game. The former English League champions, Liverpool, are back there now playing soccer, a sequel to last years successful tour.

### A SHREW TACTICIAN

The former Arsenal and England training officer, Whitaker himself an old player, has thus had the satisfaction of plotting a great club to the pinnacle again in his first season as manager.

Tom Whitaker is not only among the shrewdest tacticians in football, he knows how to handle players from the human standpoint and bring the best out of them.

Some believed that the former Everton captain and England half-back, Joe Mercer, was past his best when Arsenal signed him; but Whitaker attached great value to Mercer's experience and results have more than justified his judgment.

Similarly he enabled Wally Barnes, Welsh international full-back, to make a notable come-back; and many clubs have envied Whitaker the success which followed his inspired signing of the Scottish international half-back Macaulay. Whitaker's secret has been making the right move at the right time.

Manchester United have earned high distinction by emulating Aston Villa's achievement of over 30 years ago in winning the Football Association Cup and finishing League runners-up. Their manager, Matt Busby, has welded together the craft and strategy of football to create a brilliant attacking side, noteworthy also for tenacity and strength in defence, and an unquenchable spirit.

Promotion to the First Division has been gained by Birmingham and Newcastle United who thus return to their acknowledged sphere. Newcastle's traditions are among the

## FRANCE ELIMINATED FROM DAVIS CUP TOURNEY

### Beaten 4-1 By Hungary

Paris, May 17.—Hungary eliminated France from the Davis Cup today by winning the last two singles matches for a total of four rubbers to one.

Andren Stolpha scored a surprise victory over Marcel Bernard after losing the first two sets. The score was 1-6, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 and 6-4.

Earlier Joseph Asboth defeated Robert Abdessalam 7-5, 6-2 and 6-2.

Hungary qualified for the third round of the Davis Cup by its victory.—United Press.

### BELGIUM WINS THROUGH

The Belgian champion, Philippe Washer, carried his team to victory in the last match of the singles by beating the Argentine left hander, Hernando Weiss, by 6-0, 4-0, 6-4, 6-4.—Associated Press.

Brussels, May 17.—The Argentine first string players, Enrique Morea beat Jacques Peten of Belgium by 1-0, 3-0, 8-0, 6-4 and 10-8. Peten, hitting hard and crisply, won the first set easily and then played one of the best sets of his life to take the second. Morea seemed tired at this point. Peten took the first two games in the third set then Morea started a comeback with a series of cannonball service.

Morea tied the games at three-all, four-all and five-all and then went into the lead for the first time at 6-5. Peten, slowing down, managed to tie again at 6-6, but lost the next two vital games before the interval. The fourth set went comfortably to the Argentine, then in the fifth set both players changed tactics and an exacting baseline duel began. Morea, now fresher and extremely cautious, scored several points with hisizzling service and clever mid-court play and eventually wore down the older Peten who finished in a state of complete exhaustion.

### SWEDEN SWEEPS UP

Stockholm, May 17.—Sweden beat Switzerland by five rubbers to all in their second Round Davis Cup match which ended today with the two remaining singles.

In these, Torsten Johansson, of Sweden, beat Max Albiyeh, of Switzerland, 11-9, 0-6, 6-2, 6-4, while Lennart Bergelin, also of Sweden, defeated Hans Houser 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

Sweden now meets Hungary in the third round.—Reuter.

### OLYMPIC GAMES

## Concessions To Visitors

Those of the 40,000 visitors coming to London for the Olympic Games who bring their own cars or buy a car here for export later will be given sufficient petrol to do 1,600 miles motoring if they wish.

First they will be granted enough petrol to take them from the port of arrival to their farthest destination in the country and back. In addition they will be given enough petrol for the first fortnight of their stay—for 600 miles—and they can apply for petrol for a further 400 miles during the second fortnight.

For the second and third months of their stay they can have petrol for 300 miles a month.

Visitors will be allowed unlimited travel by taxi or hired car and can get the petrol for this on showing their tourist voucher book. The voucher book also entitles them to any six articles of rationed clothing or footwear without giving up coupons.

### HOMES MOST POPULAR

So many offers of accommodation by private people have been made that all needs can be met for tourists who prefer "homely" surroundings.

As most of them have to budget carefully within their currency limits, private houses are most popular.

Visitors in hotels are allowed 28 days without a ration card. For private houses they get temporary ration cards on the authority of their passport or travel documents. There are no complicated formalities.

### DANISH LEAD REDUCED

Dublin, May 17.—Ireland's doubles team of C. A. Kemp and G. P. Jackson beat Nielsen and Ulrich of Denmark by 6-0, 6-3, 6-8, 3-6 and 6-2 to reduce the Danish lead after three games to 2-1 in the second round of the European Zone Davis Cup play here today.—United Press.

### A BLUNT STATEMENT

London, May 17.—The Davis Cup has been a powerful factor in destroying every vestige of amateurism and everything has been subordinated to the Davis Cup, H. A. Pitt, acting president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, said today.

This statement was made during the discussion of a report submitted by the committee of the Association which proposed that the Davis Cup competition be held every two years instead of annually.

The proposal will shortly be forwarded to the International Lawn Tennis Federation.—United Press.

### INDIANS IN PARIS

Paris, May 17.—The India Lawn Tennis team arrived here today, ready for the French international championships which start on Wednesday.

The non-playing captain, D. S. Khikro, said "It was too cold when we reached London and just as it was getting to be nice weather, we had to leave. Here it is too hot."

"However, tennis here is of an extremely high standard from what we have seen this afternoon, so if we have any success or not, we at least say we have learned something."

The playing members are Dilip K. Bose, Narendra Nath, Shub Bawney and Sumant Misra.—Reuter.

## ENGLISH GIRLS THE CHAMPIONS

Amsterdam, May 17.—England's women have again proved themselves supreme in women's hockey by winning the world international festival which ended here today when they beat Holland in the final by one goal to nil.

Scotland and Ireland, who reached the semi-final on Saturday, played off for third and fourth places today and Scotland were judged winners of the match because they had the greater number of penalty corners in a two goals-all draw.

They thus secured third place. Teams from many continental countries as well as a side from the United States took part in the festival.—Reuter.

The Union Jack was hoisted in honour of the new English world champions with the Dutch and Scottish flags on either side. England, favoured before the tournament started, proved throughout last week's matches that she had the better team. Some experts compared the English girls' play with that of India in men's hockey.—Associated Press.

## Migoli Wins At Hurst Park

Hurst Park, England, May 17.—Migoli defied the strong French challenge of Robert Salvador's Gypsy today to win the White Rose Stakes by two lengths.

Ridden by champion jockey Gordon Richards, Migoli, winner of the Eclipse Stakes last year, earned a prize of £2,250 for its owner, the Aga Khan.

There were only four runners in the one mile seven furlongs race, a fact that did not appeal to Salvador and trainer Charlie Emil who were present.

"Gypsy needed a pacemaker," said Charlie Emil. "I shall bring one over from France when he contests the Ascot Gold Cup."—Associated Press.



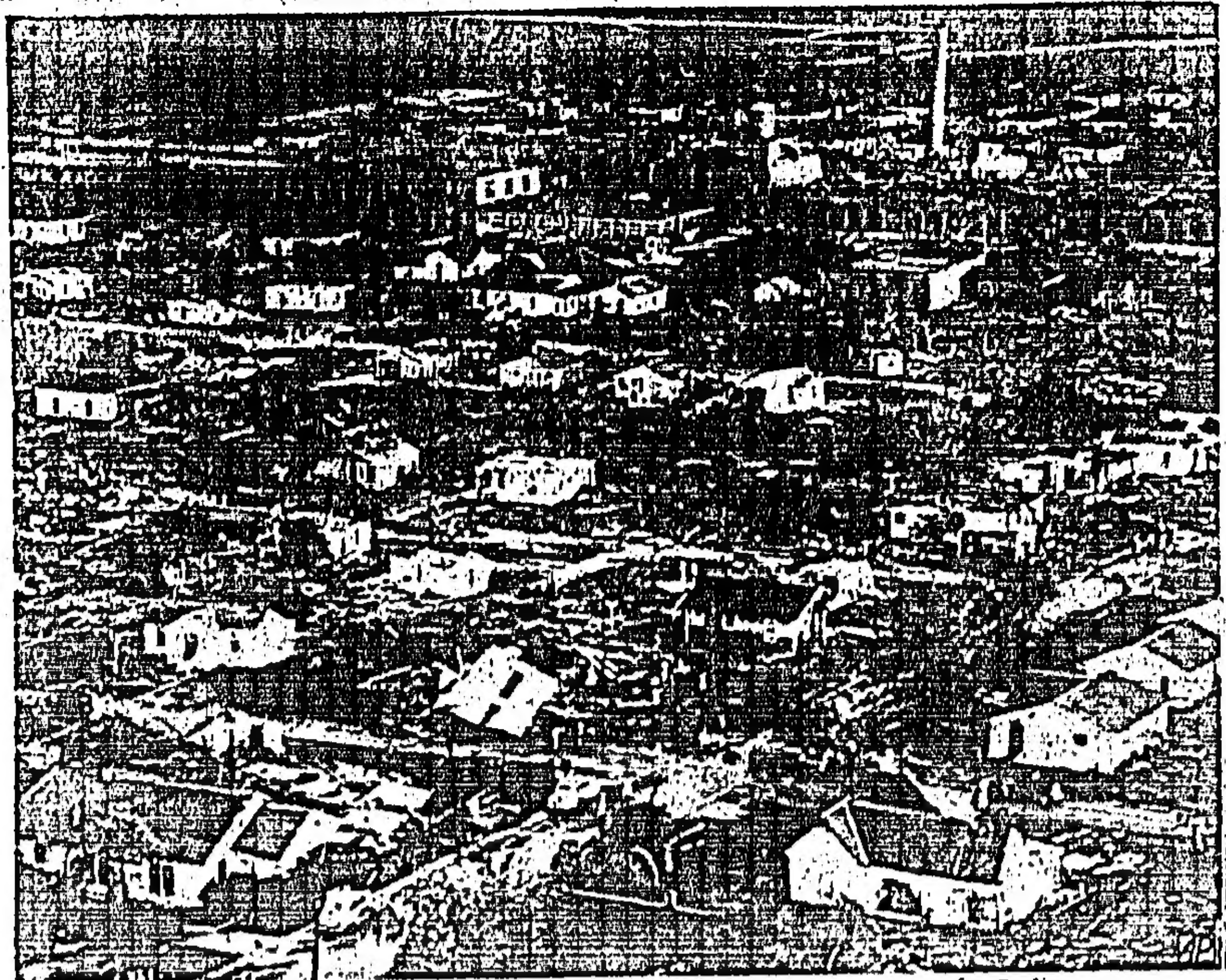
CHAMPIONSHIP FORM.—Josephine Barnum, 18, of Boston shows at Colorado Springs, the form which won her the novice ladies' title in National Figure Skating Championships.







# HIT BY A TORNADO



This aerial view shows the Texas Textile Mill (background), and the neighbouring residential area virtually destroyed by a tornado which hit the town of McKinney, Tex. Three persons were killed and 53 injured.—AP Wirephoto.

## Atomic Bombs Might Destroy Typhoons, Theory

### CONGRESSMAN'S INGENIOUS PROPOSITION

Manila, May 17.—A Philippine Congressman thinks that atom bombs might destroy typhoons. Rep. Francisco Perfecto, a provincial coconut planter, has offered a bill which would create an international "anti-typhoon" commission to test his theory that atomic explosions could quell the fiercest storm.

"Something must be done," he said. "Typhoons caused \$100,000,000 damage in the Philippines alone last year. In my province half the coconut trees were blown down and the rest were stripped bare like candles. It is time to take action."

Under Perfecto's bill, the Philippines government would put up \$500,000 for typhoon research. Scientists of all nations would be invited to join.

Perfecto says he is no scientist himself. He hatched the idea for an anti-typhoon commission after reading a newspaper article about the crew of an American B-17 weather plane who flew through the heart of a Caribbean twister.

#### TYPHOON SQUAD

"Our fliers could do the same," he suggested. "But they would carry atom bombs."

A typhoon squad would take off as soon as word of an approaching typhoon was flashed to the main land. Their plane would fly as high as possible—maybe 30,000 feet—and would drop its bomb into the eye of the storm, which lies at the center of every typhoon like the hole in a doughnut.

The explosion, Perfecto believes, would shatter the swirling walls of air around the core.

"The typhoon would be horribly blasted," he said. "It could never reach the shore."

Perfecto's bill has brought him much ridicule in the House of Representatives. He has even been called "the crazy son of a gun" by some of his colleagues.

"They laughed at America's Edison, you know," he said.—United Press.

### EDITH UPSETS A SKIPPER

London, May 17.—Doctor Edith Sumner, 17, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food, was challenged today to prove that she is an expert on handling fish.

Dr. Sumner's skill complained recently to the House of Commons that British anglers treat their catches carelessly.

Skipper G. Noble, of Grimsby, has written her as follows: "May I suggest that you go on a fishing trip with me to the North Sea for the purpose of instructing my mate and crew in the art of stowing away fish. I suggest about February next."

"Please bring your winter woolie!"—Associated Press.

## The Next Election Will Be Labour's Greatest Fight

Scarborough, May 17.—The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison told the annual conference of Britain's ruling Labour Party today that in the next election the Socialists will have "the great fight of our lives."

"If we do not win it we shall go backwards and it may take us a long time to come back," he warned, and he told 12 Party delegates that their next election platform "must also be attractive to the general body of public opinion."

While the Party was discussing campaign methods for the general election—due in 1950—Mr. Morrison said, "we have already commenced our preparations for policy."

The Labourites were also solidifying the strongly anti-Communist line which has emerged since their last conference.

The conference quietly buried the recent telegram affair today hushing up one of the hottest political issues since the Socialist government came to power three years ago.

## DEVALUATION HINT

Washington, May 17.—The United States will "require" Marshall Plan countries to consider devaluing their currencies if she considers this necessary, the National Advisory Council—chief American economic policy-making body—said here today.

In a report sent to Congress by President Harry S. Truman, the council said the United States would "require" these countries to work out devaluation with the 46-nation World Monetary Fund.

This will be called for whenever the Council "believes that a country's exchange rates is imposing an unjustifiable burden on its balance of payments."

The United States could apparently compel devaluation by threatening to cut off Marshall Plan aid.

The British Pound, now valued at slightly over four American dollars, was regarded, official quarters here said, as one of the European currencies vulnerable to a devaluation move in 1948.

France and Italy both have taken steps in recent months to devalue their currencies in relation to the United States dollar.—Reuter.

## Frog Leaps 11 Ft Five Inches

Angels Camp, California, May 17.—A "Heliolope" frog leapt 11 feet five inches in the contest said to be the longest jump by a frog in the world.

The group of University of California students who entered the contest in the contest said: "We only caught him on Saturday and had no opportunity to train him. He's a frog in a million." The students will share the prize of \$200.—Reuter.

# PALESTINE CALLED A THREAT TO PEACE

## U.S. Asks Fighting To Be Stopped Immediately

Lake Success, May 17.—The United States declared today that the situation in Palestine was a "threat to peace" under the Charter of the United Nations and called on all Governments to stop the fighting immediately.

The statement was contained in a resolution which Mr. Warren Austin, the American delegate, presented to the Security Council today.

He asked the Council to declare the Palestine situation a "threat to peace" and to call on all governments involved to cease fighting immediately.

Mr. Austin, in the resumed debate on Palestine, said the Security Council needed more information on what is happening in Palestine and suggested it might ask the following questions:

To Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Transjordan, Iraq, Yemen, Syria and the Lebanon: "Are the armed elements of your armed forces sponsored by your Government now operating in Palestine?"

"If so, where are such forces located, under what command, and with what military objectives?"

"On what basis is it claimed that such forces are entitled to enter Palestine?"

#### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

"Who is now responsible for the exercise of political functions in the Arab areas in Palestine?"

"Is such an authority now negotiating with the Jews?"

"Have the Arab governments entered on any agreement among themselves with respect to Palestine?"

"What are the terms of the agreement?"

"Have you named your representatives to deal with the Security Council truce commission?"

To Israel:

"Over which areas of Palestine do you exercise control?"

"Have you armed forces outside the areas claimed by the Jewish State?"

"If so, how do you justify their existence there?"

"Are you negotiating with the Arab authorities on a truce or a settlement?"

"Have you named your representatives to deal with the truce commission?"

"Would you agree to an immediate and unconditional truce for Jerusalem?"

After the Syrian delegate had vainly tried to get the Security Council to dispute the international legal status of Palestine, M. Andrei Gromyko, for the Soviet Union, urged the Council to take immediate steps to stop the war in Palestine.

#### U.S. RESOLUTION

Several members of the Council said they needed more time to consider the American resolution, which read:

"The Security Council, taking into consideration that previous resolutions of the Security Council in respect to Palestine have not been complied with and that military operations are taking place in Palestine, determines that the situation in Palestine constitutes a threat to peace and a breach of the peace within the meaning of Article 39 of the Charter;

"Orders all Governments and authorities to cease and desist from any hostile military action and to that end issue cease fire and standard orders to their military and paramilitary forces to become effective within 30 hours after the adoption of this resolution;

"Directs the truce commission, established by the Security Council by its resolution of April 23, to report to the Security Council on the carrying out of these orders."

Observers here noted that the American resolution contained no reference to an "act of aggression."

## 65,000-TON CARRIER

Washington, May 17.—The United States' new 65,000-ton aircraft carrier will be the longest ship ever built, with a waterline length of 1,030 feet, Vice-Admiral Earle Mills, Chief of the United States Bureau of Ships, said today.

Telling the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee of the Navy's plans for the carrier, he said it would cost about \$125 million.

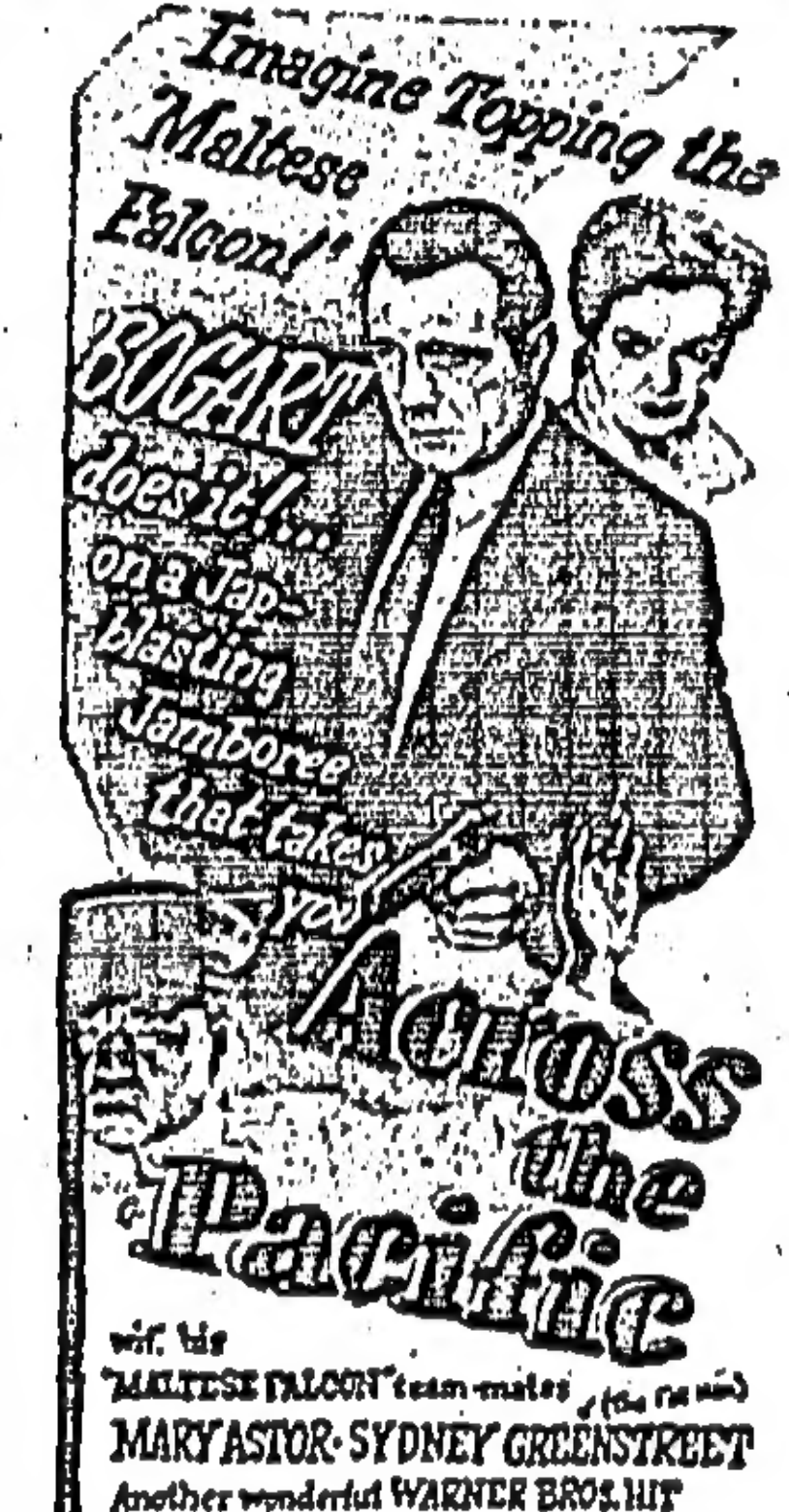
The new carrier—20,000 tons more than the USS Midway, which is the largest afloat today—will be 10 feet longer than the French liner Normandie, which capsized and burned in New York Harbour during the war.

The Committee endorsed a bill suspending work on 19 ships and transferring the unexpended funds to the 1949 programme, which includes five new ships and three conversions, as well as the new carrier.

Some of the work will be on ships equipped to launch guided missiles.—Reuter.

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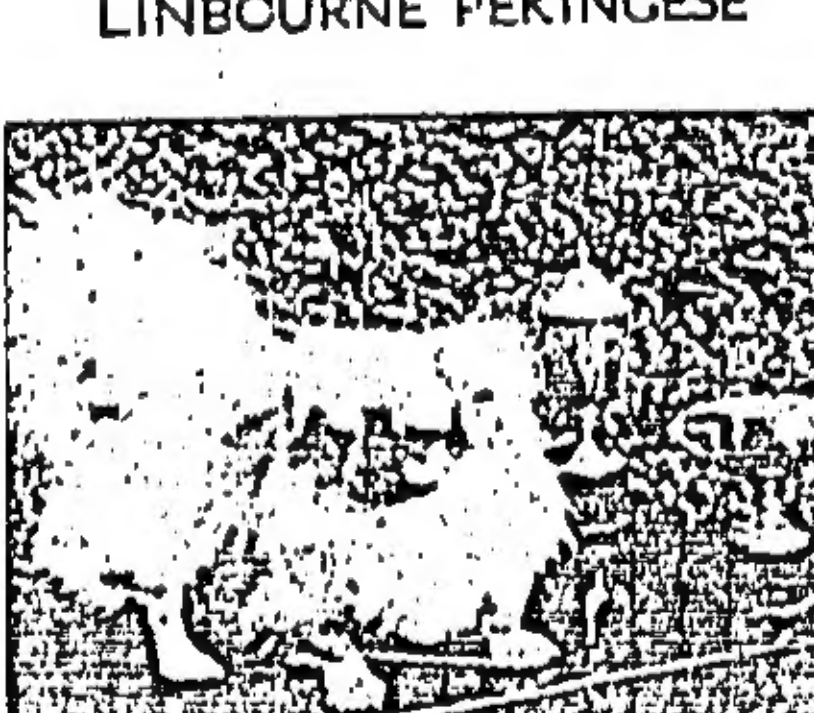


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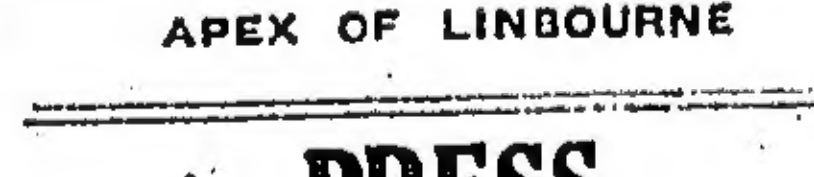
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